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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant: Katsuaki MINAMI )  
Serial No.: 10/625,506 )  
Filed: July 24, 2003 ) AMENDMENT  
For: EVALUATION SYSTEM FOR VEHICLE )  
OPERATING CONDITIONS AND )  
EVALUATION METHOD THEREOF )  
Attny Ref.: GOT 174 )

May 24, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the non-final Official Action mailed on February 24, 2005. No fee is due. However, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.

Independent claims 1 and 21 are amended to recite calculation of "an amount of fuel already consumed in excess," which is supported at, for example, line 1 of ¶ [0078] in the specification.

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